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# Why is this a big deal?



20,000 students – Declare intent to transfer through any transfer associate's degree.



17,887 completed at least two semesters of minimum half-time enrollment in the first three semesters.



5,937 completed gateway math and English courses during first two semesters of enrollment.

2 GWY  $\approx$  48% T  
1 GWY  $\approx$  37% T  
0 GWY  $\approx$  6% T



2,827 transferred to a 4-year institution within 3 years.



1,989 earn a BA or BS degree.

13,000 transfer  
w/ 1 sem-6 years

8,000+ transfer  
students earn BA/BS

# The Transfer Story is Complicated

## Virginia Transfer Student Profile

### Who transfers in Virginia?



55%

Women



45%

Students of  
Color



27%

25 years or  
older



41%

Family income  
below \$50,000

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**13,000+ students transfer annually.**

**62% earn an associates degree first**

No Degree

39%

AA/AS

54%

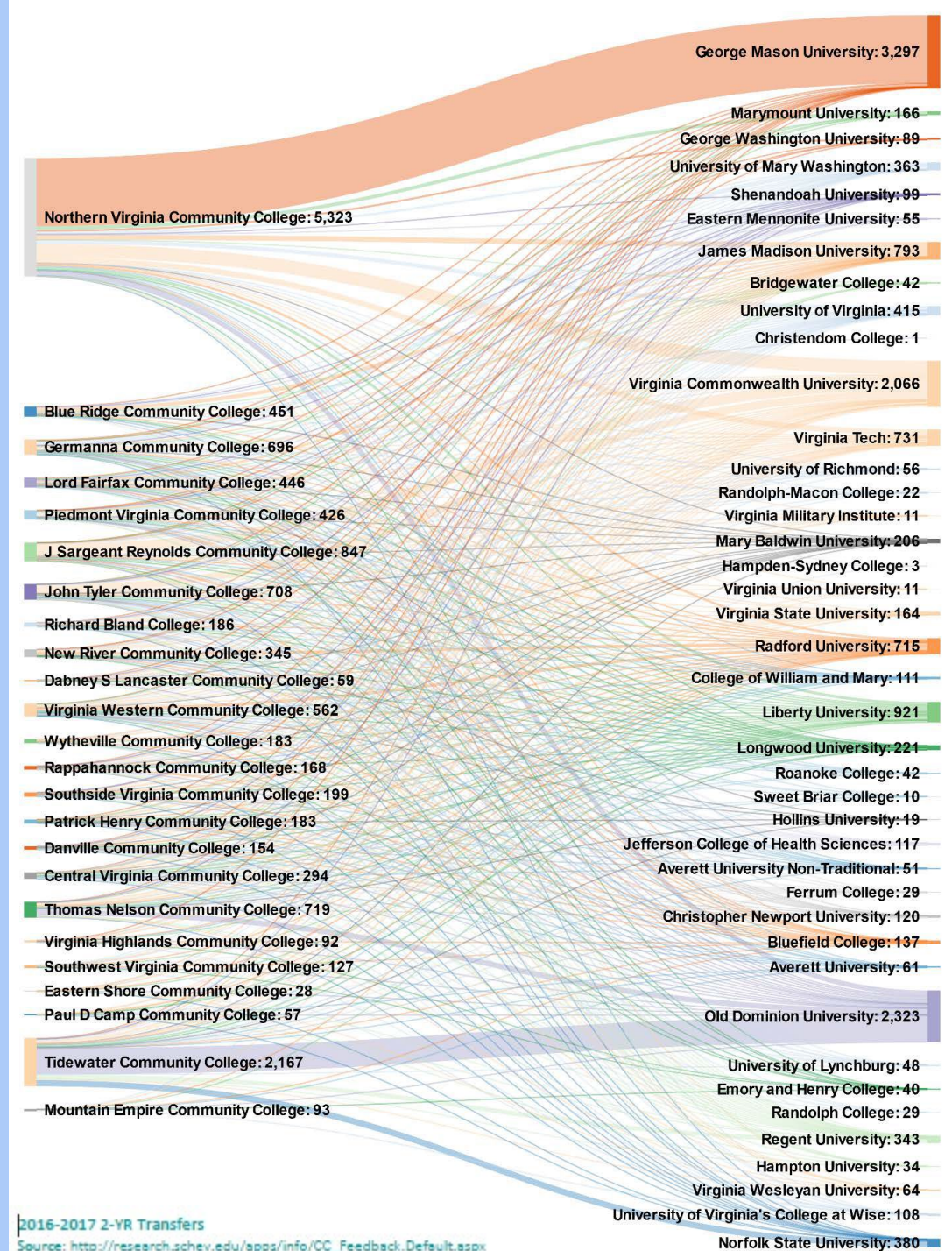
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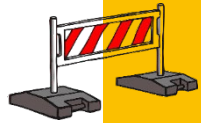
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### Where do Virginia transfers go?



# Transfer VA Goals – Succeed, Transfer, Complete



**Gateway barriers:** Increase the share of students successfully completing gateway math and English in the first year of community college enrollment from 35 percent to 75 percent.



**Mobility and Timeliness:** Increase the percentages of community college students who transfer after two years from 35 percent to 40 percent and from 48 percent to 55 percent for those who transfer after three years. Improve time to transfer without reducing the number of students who complete an associate's degree before transfer.



**Degree attainment:** Increase the baccalaureate degree completion rate for students completing within two years of transfer from 26 percent to 40 percent, within three years of transfer from 63 percent to 70 percent, and within four years of transfer from 75 percent to 80 percent.



**Credit efficiency:** Reduce the average number of degree credits earned by transfer students to be comparable to the number earned toward the same degree by residential students.

# Transfer VA – Untangling the Transfer Web

## Time to Complete

After transferring, students take 3.5 years to complete if full-time – 4.25 years for part-time.

Not all transfer students are 2-yr to 4-yr. Students swirl causing setbacks to degree completion.

## Students Swirl

## Credit Loss

Transfer students enroll in 134 college credits – Native students 127... In addition to credits earned for AP, IB, CLEP.

To serve all students, universities must map one degree 24 different ways to align with 2-year colleges.

## Serving ALL Students

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## Transfer Guides

1 Statewide Transfer Agreement and Guide Template

★ Transition to GPAAs!

★ Statewide TRANSFER GUIDES - student-facing legal document.

★ Maps completion of both Associates and Bachelor's degrees.

# Leveraging Collaboration to Scale Opportunities

## VCCS DUAL ENROLLMENT TRANSFER GUIDE

Provides clarity and transparency of Dual Enrollment opportunities to both providers and students.

## REVERSE TRANSFER TOOLKIT

Working to increase the number of students earning a credential who have “some college no degree.”

## NETWORKING SYSTEM 2000+ STRONG

Public and Private Transfer Partners

VCCS Transfer Peer Group

K-12 School Counselor Partners

Call to Action Series

# Transfer Virginia – Our work is not done.

Transfer Excellence

TransferVA Vision

Catalyst for Culture Change

Transfer Effectiveness - Network

Transfer Effectiveness - Structure

Transfer Policies and Guidelines

Transfer Virginia Portal

# 2018 Legislation: New SCHEV Policy Responsibilities

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- **Topics:**
  - Dual Enrollment
  - Passport/Uniform Certificate Credentials
  - Transfer Agreements
  - Pathway Maps
- **Purpose: to improve credit transfer and transparency for students.**
- **Policies developed by collaborative work with multiple groups:**
  - Dual Enrollment and Passport Advisory Committee
  - State Committee on Transfer,
  - Instructional Program Advisory Committee
  - Virginia Department of Education
  - Transfer Virginia Partners.



# Responsibility Fulfilled: New Transfer Policies Since 2018

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## **Policy for Dual Enrollment Transferability**

Ensures that dual enrollment coursework transfers the same as credit from the community college. As a result high school students can apply more credits toward college degree requirements. *Approved by Council: January 2019*

## **Policy on Passport and Uniform Certificate of General Studies Programs**

Guarantees a set number of credits applied toward a student's toward lower-division general education requirements post-transfer. As a result, student degree completion will be more efficient. *Approved by Council: July 2019*

## **Guidelines for the Development of Transfer Agreements**

The policy applies to the development and implementation of articulation, dual admission, and guaranteed admission agreements creating uniformity across all three types of transfer agreements, in turn, providing clarity and transparency for transfer students. *Approved by Council: October 2020*

## **Guidelines for the Development of Pathway Maps**

Creates the parameters for four-year pathway maps designed to reduce the student's time to degree completion post-transfer. *Approved by Council: January 2021*





*Your credits. Your degree. Your move.*

## BUILDING A PORTAL TO MEET VIRGINIA'S NEEDS

- Increase **equitable access** to higher education through a statewide portal.
- Increase **awareness** of Virginia's higher education opportunities.
- Increase **quality** time spent serving students and reduce time spent searching webpages for information.
- Provide **student-friendly** language in a way that connects ideas for students.
- Reduce messaging in fine print by building **transparent and consistent** access to transfer information.

Coming November 19... [TransferVirginia.org](https://TransferVirginia.org)





**Thank you!**

**It has truly been  
my honor to  
serve Virginia's  
students through  
TransferVA!**